Claims:

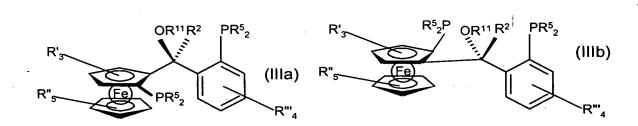
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## 1. A ferrocenyl ligand of the general formula (II)

characterized in that

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the  $S_{fc}$ , S enantiomer of the formula (IIIa) is present in excess in the stereoisomer mixture (IIa) or the  $R_{fc}$ , R enantiomer of the formula (IIIb) is present in excess in the stereoisomer mixture (IIb)



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and

R' and R" are radicals which can be selected independently from the group consisting of H and CH<sub>3</sub> or can be a linker which connects the ligands to a polymeric support and the radicals

R'''

are radicals which can be selected independently from the group consisting of H and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl and the radicals

 $R^5$ can be, independently of one another, radicals selected from the group consisting of C<sub>6</sub>-aryl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, adamantyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, where the radicals R<sup>5</sup> may bear one or more (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl substituents and

 $R^2$ 

is hydrogen or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl radical and

 $R^{11}$  is a  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl radical.

2. The ferrocenyl ligand as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that

R<sup>11</sup> is a methyl radical and/or

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R<sup>2</sup> is H or a methyl radical and/or

R', R", R" are hydrogen radicals and/or the radicals

- R<sup>5</sup> are, independently of one another, phenyl, tolyl or xylyl radicals.
- 3. The ferrocenyl ligand as claimed in either claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the  $S_{fc}$ , S enantiomer or the  $R_{fc}$ , R enantiomer is present in the stereoisomer mixture in a proportion of over 60%.
  - 4. The ferrocenyl ligand as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the ligand is present as  $S_{fc}$ , S enantiomer or as  $R_{fc}$ , R enantiomer having a purity of over 99%.
  - 5. The use of ferrocenyl ligands as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 for preparing complexes.
- 20 6. The use of ferrocenyl ligands as claimed in claim 5 for preparing complexes with metals, metal salts or metal precomplexes of transition group 7 or 8.
  - 7. The use of ferrocenyl ligands as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 in the asymmetric hydrogenation or hydroformylation of unsaturated organic compounds.
  - 8. The use of ferrocenyl ligands as claimed in claim 7 in the asymmetric hydrogenation of C=C, C=O or C=N bonds.

## 9. A process for preparing ferrocenyl ligands of the general formula (II)

where the  $S_{fc}$ , S enantiomer of the formula (IIIa) is present in excess in the mixture (IIa) or the  $R_{fc}$ , R enantiomer of the formula (IIIb) is present in excess in the mixture (IIb)

and

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R' and R" can each be, independently of one another, a substituent selected from the group consisting of H and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl or a linker which connects the ligands to a polymeric support and the radicals

R"" are radicals which can be selected independently from the group consisting of H, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>)-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>)-acyloxy, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>14</sub>)-aryl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>)-heteroaryl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>17</sub>)-heteroalkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-cycloalkyl and (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)-alkenyl, where two adjacent radicals may also be joined to one another to form a ring system, and the radicals

Can each be, independently of one another,  $(C_1-C_{18})$ -alkyl,  $(C_6-C_{18})$ -aryl,  $(C_6-C_{18})$ -aryl- $(C_1-C_8)$ -alkyl,  $(C_3-C_{18})$ -heteroaryl,  $(C_3-C_{18})$ -heteroaryl- $(C_1-C_8)$ -alkyl,  $(C_2-C_{17})$ -heteroalkyl,  $(C_3-C_8)$ -cycloalkyl,  $(C_3-C_8)$ -cycloalkyl- $(C_1-C_8)$ -alkyl,  $(C_2-C_{10})$ -alkenyl radicals which may bear one or more  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl substituents and the radical

 $R^2$  is H or a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-alkyl radical, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>)-aryl, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>)-aryl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)-alkyl radical and the radical

 $R^{11}$  can be a  $(C_1-C_{18})$ -alkyl,  $(C_6-C_{18})$ -aryl,  $(C_6-C_{18})$ -aryl- $(C_1-C_8)$ -alkyl radical,

which comprises the process steps:

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a) coupling of a chiral ferrocenyl sulfoxide with an aromatic aldehyde of the formula (IV),

with the chiral ferrocenyl sulfoxide being lithiated in the presence of a lithium base and the coupling of the aromatic aldehyde subsequently being carried out by transmetallation in the presence of a metal catalyst of transition group 8,

- b) coupling of the free OH group on the chiral center of the reaction product from step a) with an organic radical R<sup>11</sup> by addition of the corresponding halide R<sup>11</sup>Hal in the presence of an alkali metal hydride and
- c) replacement of the sulfoxide group of the reaction product from step b) in the presence of a strong lithium base by a phosphorus halide of the formula HalPR<sup>5</sup><sub>2</sub>.
- 10. The process as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the diastereomers obtained from step a) and/or the diastereomers from step b) are separated prior to being reacted further.